FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation
Village of Thiensville
Ozaukee County, Wisconsin
FEMA PDMC-PJ-05-WI-2003-001

The Village of Thiensville, Wisconsin has applied for funding from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) for assistance with the implementation of flood mitigation activities within Pigeon Creek. These improvements should fulfill the need for more efficient (and cost-effective) handling of water in flood events in order to protect human health, safety and private property. The Village of Thiensville is located in Ozaukee County, in southeastern Wisconsin. The Proposed Action would provide conveyance improvements to Pigeon Creek, as well as addition upstream storage. DHS/FEMA is proposing to provide assistance for this project through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Competitive Grant program, under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B – Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA was to analyze the potential environmental impacts for improvements to Pigeon Creek and additional upstream storage, and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Based upon the conditions and information contained in the EA for the Village of Thiensville, Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation (March 2006) and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. The proposed project, as described in the EA, will not result in any significant adverse impacts to existing land use, water resources (surface water, groundwater, wetlands, waters of the United States, and floodplains), air quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, state and federally listed threatened or endangered species, and critical habitats), safety issues, hazardous materials and waste, and cultural resources, or result in disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority or low-income populations. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

This Finding of No Significant Impact is based upon the conditions contained in the EA and the requirement that final project designs will be completed and permits obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Easements will also be obtained from adjacent property owners. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize federal funds.

APPROVAL

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